

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-MARCH 8, 2004

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm(arrived at 8:42 p.m.)Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paulhus, Schaefer

Absent: Paterson, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2004.

So passed. Mr. Paulhus abstained.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 23, 2004.

So passed. Mr. Paulhus abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments from the public.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mansfield Housing Authority

Anne Jordan Crouse, Gretchen Hall, and Joan Christison-Lagay spoke on the Housing Authority and the three programs that it administers. See attached report.

2. Appointment of Town Representative to Mansfield Downtown Partnership

No action taken. Council members will see if there is any flexibility in times of meetings.

3. Driveway and Utility Work on Codfish Falls Road

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective March 9, 2004, to authorize the application of R. Lacafra, Jr. To construct a driveway and to complete utility work on property located on Codfish Falls Road between existing houses at 211 and 237 Codfish Falls Road, subject to the applicant's obtaining the required driveway permit from the Department of Public Works and restoring the stone wall disturbed by the project.

Mr. R. Lacafta was present to answer any questions of the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

4. Resignation of Council member Mr. Bruce Bellm

No action taken.

4a. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to add item 4a; honor an Eagle Scout.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to move that the Mayor draft a proclamation honoring Steven Christopher Glow's achievement in overcoming obstacles to earn his Eagle Scout Award. The Town Council is proud to honor him and the example he sets for others.

So passed unanimously.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Schaefer brought up the question of the letters between the Conservation Commission and the Commissioner of the DEP regarding whether the town's legislative body may impose restrictions on a Conservation Commission's direct correspondence with DEP.

VI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hawkins requested that the item "Spring Weekend" be placed on further agendas.

Mr. Clouette discussed an e-mail he received on the possibility of a skateboard park in Mansfield.

Mr. Paulhus asked if there was further information regarding incidents at Natchaug Hospital. The Town Manager answered that any issue would be between the hospital and the agencies, which work with the hospital.

VIII. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

UConn is enforcing the student code off campus. The Town Manager handed out an article from the Daily Campus, the student newspaper, which discussed holding students responsible for troubles they commit during spring break if their actions are brought to the attention of the University.

Last year the Town Manager was placed on a Task Force on Substance abuse at

the University of Connecticut. One recommendation was the appointment of a person who would deal with the issue. That person will be hired relatively soon. The Town Manager will be meeting in April with the Student Life Committee to discuss off-campus housing issues.

The Town Manager handed out the COST Town Leader's Bulletin on legislative priorities.

The community center will be having the last windows put in this week.

The Arts Advisory committee has added art from local artists into the showcases at the Community Center.

Discussion on the dumpster fires on Hunting Lodge Road. Looking into rewards for naming those involved. Request of the Town Manager to ask what assistance does the fire and emergency department need to control the occurrence of such fires.

Item #6 in packet does not have the second page attached, and address of Representative Merrill is not correct.

IX. FUTURE AGENDAS

Spring weekend, appointment to the Downtown Partnership, and Assisted Living

Sharry Goldman and Jane Ann Bobbitt, co-chairs of the Coalition for Assisted Living were present.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. Regional School District #19-Superintendent's Proposed FY 2004/2005 Budget
6. Mansfield Solid Waste Advisory Committee re: State "Bottle Bill"
7. Planning and Zoning Commission Application Referral-9 lot-Subdivision on Mansfield City Road(Wild Rose Estates)
8. B. Robinson re: Firearms Deer Hunting at Mansfield Hollow
9. The Daily Campus –"UConn Police to Sponsor Citizen's Academy"
10. J. Bobbit and S. Goldman re: Coalition for Assisted Living
11. B. & D. Glow re: Proclamation Recognizing Eagle Scout Award

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor
Clerk

Joan E. Gerdson, Town